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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 6087

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO GOZ ON NAMIBIA

REF: (A) KINSHASA 5919, (B) STATE 142174

1. KINSHASA REPRESENTATIVES OF FIVE-NATION CONTACT GROUP  
ON NAMIBIA MADE FORMAL, COLLECTIVE DEMARCHE TO FONOFF SECRETARY  
GENERAL IDZUMBUIR ON JUNE 28. DEMARCHE COVERED ALL OF MAJOR  
TALKING POINTS CONTAINED REF (B).

2. IDZUMBUIR SAID HE WOULD CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF DEMARCHE TO  
PRESIDENT MOBUTU, WITH WHOM HE WAS MEETING SAME DAY TO REVIEW  
OAU ISSUES. HE ASKED FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: (A) WHAT IS TIME-  
TABLE FOR TRANSITION TO NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE? (B) HOW WILL  
ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL BE CHOSEN? (C) WHAT WILL BE COMPOSITION OF  
UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND STAFF? WESTERN FIVE REPS  
ANSWERED THAT DEFINITIVE ARRANGEMENTS ON THESE POINTS WERE  
APPARENTLY NOT YET WORKED OUT BUT PRESUMABLY WOULD BE DURING  
THE COURSE OF FURTHER CONSULTATIONS BY CONTACT GROUP WITH  
UN SECRETARY GENERAL AND SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.

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3. IDZUMBUIR THEN MADE TWO SUGGESTIONS: (A) BE SURE THAT  
UN INVOLVEMENT DOES NOT EXTEND BEYOND MINIMUM NECESSARY TO  
ASSURE TRANSITION; AND (B) INFORM SWAPO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,  
PREFERABLY IN AFRICAN CONTEXT VIA OAU PRESIDENT AT LIBREVILLE  
MEETING RATHER THAN WAITING FOR UNSYG TO TAKE ACTION. WESTERN  
FIVE REPS SAID THEY WOULD CONVEY GOZ'S CONCERNS AND  
SUGGESTIONS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.

4. COMMENT: DEMARCHE WAS FOLLOW-UP TO MY CONVERSATION  
JUNE 22 WITH FOREIGN MINISTER NGUZA (REF A), DURING WHICH  
I COVERED ONLY MOST ESSENTIAL TALKING POINTS IN MORE GENERAL  
TERMS JUST PRIOR TO NGUZA'S DEPARTURE FOR LIBREVILLE.  
IDZUMBUIR'S SUGGESTIONS, WHICH SEEMED TO BE THOUGHT OUT  
BEFOREHAND AND THEREFORE PROBABLY REPRESENT CONSIDERED GOZ  
VIEWS, REFLECT BOTH WARINESS OF ANY PROLONGED UN INVOLVEMENT  
(BASED ON ZAIRE'S OWN EXPERIENCE WITH UN IN 1960'S) AND  
SUSPICION THAT SWAPO MAY SEEK TO UNDERCUT WESTERN  
FIVE'S EFFORTS TO EFFECT PEACEFUL TRANSITION. WOULD  
ANTICIPATE AT LEAST DISCREET ZAIRIAN SUPPORT OF THESE  
EFFORTS AT OAU IN VIEW OF MOBUTU'S CONCERN THAT  
RADICALS NOT GET UPPER HAND IN NAMIBIA.  
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